

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Dieter LEHMANN et al. Confirmation No. 5161
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For : RADICALLY COUPLED PTFE POLYMER POWDERS, AND METHOD
FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 21, 2010**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated January 21, 2010, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until April 21, 2010.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the three month shortened statutory period for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if for any reason an extension of time and/or any fee is required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment and/or claim fee, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein.